A

PLEASANT and EXCELLENT

DIALOGUE

Betwixt a Learned

DIVINE

And a

BEGGAR.

Wherein it is holden furth, That
[redacted]uld make a full Resignation
[redacted] Selves, to the Will and
[redacted]e of God, with all due Re-
[redacted]e and Profound Humility.

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A short Dialogue, betwixt a Learned DIVINE, and a BEGGAR.

A Certain Divine, who (if we may believe the Ancient Copies) was *John Taulerus* himself, who meeting with a Beggar, had this Discourse, Containing a most excellent Example of a perfect man; Whence we may be taught, how in all things we ought to be of the same mind, resigned to the will and appointment of God.

There was in time past [illegible] in Famous Divine, who by [illegible] of eight Years, had continu[illegible] portuned the Lord by pray[illegible] ceiving he wanted the righ[illegible] ledge of the Truth; Notwithstanding of all his Learning, and spent whole Nights therein, begging of GOD to let him know him, and to let

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let him know himſelf; And to ſhew him any Man, that might ſhew him the way of truth.

And when upon a time he was inflamed with a moſt Vehement deſire thereof, a Voice from Heaven, thus ſpake unto him. Go furth to the Church Doors, and there thou ſhall find a Man, that can teach thee the way of truth, and going furth, he found there a certain Beggar with Patcht and Torn Apparel, and filthy durty feet, all whoſe Apparel was ſcarce worth three half pence: to whom by way of Salutation, he [illegible]ake unto.

Divine ſaid, God give thee a good Morning.

Beggar Anſ: I do not remember that ever I had an evil one.

Divine ſaid, *God make thee Fortunate and proſperous, why doeſt thou ſpeak in this manner?*

Beggar

Begg.ar Anſ: Neither was I ever Unfortunate or Unproſperous.

Divine ſaid, *Be happie, what mean theſe words of thine?*

Beggar Anſ: Nor was I ever unhappy.

Divine ſaid, *God ſave thee, now at laſt ſpeak more plainly.*

Beggar Anſ: Truely I will do it willingly, thou didſt wiſh me a proſperous and good Morning, and I Anſwered, I never had an unproſperous or evil one; For when I am Pinched with Hunger, I praiſe God, if I Suffer Cold; if it hail, if it Snow, if it Rain, if the weather be fair or foul, I praiſe God, if I be wretched and deſpiſed, I likewiſe praiſe God: Therefore there never happened any evil or ſad Morning to me.

Thou didſt likewiſe wiſh that I might be Fortunate, and I anſwered that I had never been Unfortunate, be-

because whatever God gave me, I suffered, or whatever otherwise happened to me, were it sweet or bitter, whether it were aggreeable or not, I gladly received it at his hand, as the best; And therefore I was never unfortunate. Thou saidst moreover that God would be pleased to make me happie, whereunto I likewise answered that I never had been unhappy: For I am fully resolved through his Grace, to adhere and only cleave unto the will of God, as the best, (abandoning mine own will,) into which I have so wholly poured out mine own will, that whatever he willls, that I will also, and for this cause, as I said, I was never unhappy, seeing that I will cleave to his Will only, and have wholly resigned mine own proper Will.

The Divine said again, *This is very strange, but I pray thee wouldst*

thou

thou ſay, if the Lord of Majeſt
would drown thee in the Botto
leſs Pit, couldſt thou be content
with His Will.

Begger Anſ: Drown me in the bo
tomleſs Pit, why? Certainly if
ſhould, I have two Arms, by whi
I would ſtill embrace him; A
claſp faſt about him, one is, tr
Humility, and that I lay under hi
and by him I am united to his mo
Sacred Humanity. The other, A
that is the Right Arm, which is Lo
and is united to his Divinity, and
his Love given to me by himſelf,
hold him ſo faſt, that he w
forced to go down to Hell with m
and it were much more to be wiſh
for by me, to be in hell with Go
then to be in Heaven without hi
By this, that *Divine* learned, that t
moſt *compendious* way to God, i
true Reſignation with profou
Humility. He

Hereupon, the Divine ſpake again to the Beggar, and asked him, Good Lord! whence comeſt thou.

Beggar Anſ. From God.

D. ſaid, *Where foundeſt thou God?*

Beggar Anſ. Even there where I left all the Creatures.

Divine ſaid, *But where didſt thou leave them?*

Beggar Anſ. In humble and clean *hearts*, & in Men of Good will, which is his Temple and dwelling-Place.

Divine ſaid, *I pray thee Friend who art thou?*

Beggar Anſ. Truely I am a King, and Jeſus himſelf hath Crowned me with Peace, Power and Reſt.

Divine ſaid, *Art thou a King, but where is thy Kingdom.*

Beggar Anſ. The Kingdom of Heaven is within me, in my Soul, and I can now, and do by his Power in me, ſo govern and command my in-

inward and outward ſenſes that al the affections, and powers of the ol Man are conquered, and are in Sub jection to the Newman in me: whic Kingdom no man can doubt, but i better than all the Kingdoms, Scepter Crowns, and Glories of this World

Divine ſaid again, Lord! Wha brought thee to this Perfection.

Beggar Anſ. My ſilence, and ſub lime Meditation, And above all, m Union with the everlaſting GO of Peace and *Reſt*, which is m Kingdom; And to ſay the Truth I could reſt in nothing, which wa leſs than GOD. And now havin found my God, I have forſaken th unquiet World, and in him I hav found Everlaſting Peace and reſt.

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